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1. In late April 1952, the 2 Company of the 1 Battalion, 239 Unit, 23 Brigade,¹ IV Corps, North Korean Army, numbering 120 men, was at Taeya-ri (125-05, 38-29) (XC-8261). The 2 Company was commanded by YI Ki-su (2621/1015/3178). It was equipped with one 1 x 120-mm. flat trajectory gun and 12 light machine guns. The 2 Company was in contact with an artillery regiment at Nadong-myŏn (125-34, 38-11) (XC-2529).
2. In late April, 1,000 infantrymen of the 23 Brigade, equipped with 9 x 122-mm. guns, were 3 kilometers west of Samga-ri (125-07, 38-08) (XC-8522).
3. In early May, 400 artillery and infantry troops of the 239 Unit, 23 Brigade, equipped with three flat trajectory guns and seven anti-aircraft machine guns, were at Yangji-dong (125-02, 38-29) (XC-7761). The flat trajectory gun emplacements were on Hill 52, and the anti-aircraft machine guns were in a field 300 meters southeast of Yangji-dong.
4. In early May, an infantry battalion of the 23 Brigade, numbering 400 men, was at Pult'a-san (125-06, 38-10) (XC-8426) on Hill 607 and Hill 214, which are 1,700 meters northeast of Eunam-myŏn (125-09, 38-10) (XC-8826). This battalion was deployed in trenches guarding the coastline. It was equipped with 2 cannon, 3 mortars, 6 anti-tank guns, 4 heavy machine guns, and 10 light machine guns.
5. In early May, the 5 Infantry Battalion of the 23 Brigade, numbering 400 men, was at Hongga-ri (124-53, 38-09) (XC-6524) in trenches covered with pine trees 500 meters north of the town. This battalion, which was composed of three

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companies, guarded the coast line and sent out patrols every night. It was equipped with 3 x 76-mm. guns, 1 x 120-mm. mortar, 2 x 82-mm. mortars, and 5 x 14.5-mm. anti-tank rifles.

6. In early May, 500 women of the North Korean women's infantry,² attached to the 23 Brigade, were at Ch'ongnyang-ni (125-04, 38-25) (XC-8054), living in houses 50 meters east of the town and occupying trenches on the west side of Hill 181. They were armed with twenty PPSH's and American carbines and wore caps similar to ROK army fatigue caps, khaki shirts, and men's overcoats.
7. In early May, 400 artillery and infantry troops of the 23 Brigade were at Anhyop-tong (125-02, 38-24) (XC-7852) in trenches 1,000 meters southeast of the railroad station at approximately 125-03, 38-25 (XC-772515). This unit was equipped with 2 infantry guns, 3 x 122-mm. mortars, 3 x 82-mm. mortars, 3 x 50-mm. mortars, 10 anti-tank guns, 3 heavy machine guns, and 10 light machine guns. The unit area was bombed by United Nations aircraft on 14 April 1952, the attack killing three officers and forty enlisted men.
8. In early May, 500 men of the 239 Unit, 23 Brigade Headquarters, were in thirty shelters dug in a hill 1 mile southeast of Aech'on-ni (125-19, 38-16) (YC-0338). The commanding officer³ held the rank of Major General and had been a body-guard for KIM Il-sung during the guerrilla war in Manchuria. Brigadier General II Chong-kuk (2621/1350/2817) was the chief of the political department.³ Five battalions were subordinate to the 23 Brigade. The brigade was equipped with 15 x 76-mm. guns, 15 x 120-mm. mortars, 20 x 62-mm. mortars,⁴ 50 x 14.5-mm. anti-tank rifles, 20 heavy machine guns, 70 light machine guns, 3 jeeps, 30 trucks, and 20 x 30-man rubber boats. A United Nations air raid in April 1952 killed 5 officers and 120 enlisted men of the unit.
9. In early May, 500 men of a battalion of the 23 Brigade, were entrenched on a hill 300 meters southeast of Sŏhae-ri (125-07, 38-39) (XC-8480), guarding the coast. This unit was equipped with 3 x 76-mm. guns, 2 x 82-mm. mortars, 3 x 60-mm. mortars, 8 x 14.5-mm. anti-tank rifles, 4 heavy machine guns, and 8 light machine guns. Morale of the unit was high because of good supplies.
10. During May, 200 men of the 1 Battalion, 174 Unit, 23 Infantry Brigade, equipped with 3 x 7.62-mm. Soviet Maxim heavy machine guns and five light machine guns, were at Chukkyo-ri (125-33, 37-51) (YB-2492), guarding the coast line. This unit had come from Songnim-myŏn (125-38, 38-46) (YC-2994) in late February 1952.

- 25X1 1. [] Comment. Probably the North Korean 23 Mechanized Artillery, according to FEC.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. [] reported this unit was part of a force preparing an invasion of Ch'o-do (124-50, 38-32) (XC-6066) and Sŏk-to (125-00, 38-38) (XC-7478).
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. Presumably these men are officers of the 23 Brigade, rather than the 239 Unit. According to FEC in late 1951, Major General OH Paek-yong was the commander of the 23 Division, which had since been renamed the 23 Brigade.
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. Possibly 60-mm. mortars made in China.

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